



Kinship Newsletter



Thurston-Lewis-Mason Counties

September ~ 2021



Thank You Grandparents

You had the courage to start all over again
Raising your grandchildren at an age when
You thought you might retire, travel and rest
But the children needed caregivers, and they needed the best.

Some came to you in pampers and most in tears
Needing nurturing and someone who cares.
Others came as toddlers, exploring the world on the run
You couldn't believe this happened—after you thought that you were done.

Still others came at school age, when they needed guidance and direction
Science may have you baffled but you are great at giving affection.
And some of you have teenagers, oh my, what can I say.
Just keep reminding yourself that they won't stay this way.

We know it has not been easy—often quite a heavy load
And there have been many bumps along the road
You've been misunderstood, labeled and denied the services you need
Often criticized and not recognized for your labor or your good deed.

But we honor you who have done so much
To change the lives of children with your special touch
We thank you grandparents: we thank you once, we thank you twice
And know you are appreciated for the rest of your life.

Thank you, grandparents

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The Parental Compass

<https://www.parentalcompass.org/feed.xml>



302 Railroad Ave.
Shelton, WA 98584



**SATURDAYS
MAY THROUGH
OCTOBER
9AM - 2PM**

Locally Grown x Crafted with Love



Join the Kinship Group on Zoom

Take a much needed break, meet up with your fellow
Kinship Caregivers & enjoy some well deserved
“Me Time” in a very supportive environment.

Meetings are:

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8 pm

Contact Tammara for signup information:

Tammara@familyess.org

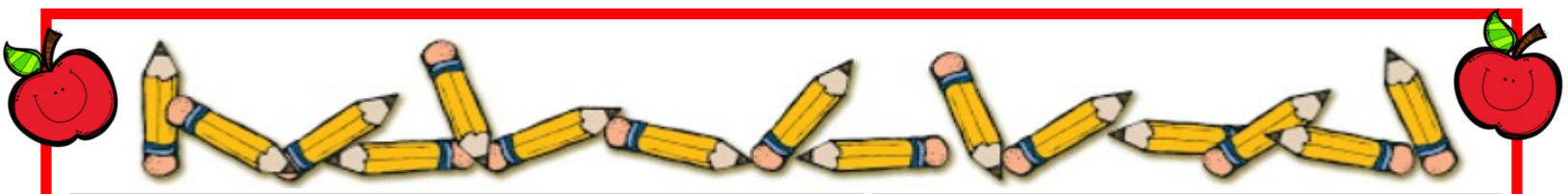
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Take time to do
things
that make your
heart smile

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**





Anatha's Corner



I am writing this in the middle of August while COVID is still with us and our children's safety is a primary concern. I have to imagine many of us have questions about the start of the new school year. The University of Washington, through the Center on Reinventing Public Education has been tracking the responses to COVID 19 from school districts across the United States. It appears each district has its own rules and regulations and level of implementation from minimum to extensive. School districts in all three counties, Thurston, Lewis, and Mason appear to be offering in-person, remote, and a blend of the two to accommodate student learning and safety. The best chance of having a voice in the experience of your children's new school year is to contact your school district office or school principle to learn the specifics of how your child's school is responding to COVID. When you find new information do share this with other Kinship caregivers at the Kinship Support Group meetings or through general conversation. Our children deserve a safe and inspired year of learning.

COMING IN OCTOBER

Applications for the Jubilee Christmas Program will be emailed and posted on our Facebook page

October 1st, 2021

2nd Annual Strengthening Families Conference

September 24, 2021
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM PST

Registration is Now Open

FREE Registration code for Kinship Caregivers: kinship21

Register online on our website @familyess.org

Lacey Children's Day

Saturday, October 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Huntamer Park
618 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey
Free to attend

The Whole Family Will Have a Super Time at the 24th Annual Lacey Children's Day 2021

By Kristina Lotz

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

HELPING HOUSEHOLDS CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

What is it?

A temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

Who is eligible?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1 Contact your Preferred Participating Provider Directly

Ask your provider if they participate in the EBB, or use our online tool to find a participating company near you.

2 Online

Use the online application at GetEmergencyBroadband.org

3 By Mail

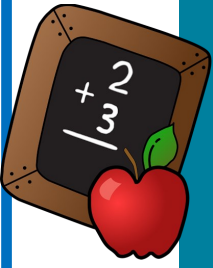
Print an application in English or Spanish. Complete the application and send with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

For additional information, Call 833-511-0311, or visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

Stay Updated on COVID-19 with the most recent information on our Kinship Facebook Page

Lewis-Mason-Thurston Kinship Caregivers



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Supporting today's seniors and tomorrow's leaders in aging